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Friday January..... 26


# REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

## Much Opposition for the Various Offices. --- 908 Votes Cast.

Saturday last between the hours of 1 and 7, the Republican primaries were held for the different borough offices. It was quite interesting as there was a good deal of opposition for the various offices. The primaries were a little warm but it is predicted that the coming election will be red hot. There were 908 votes cast, which shows there was some interest manifested. Following is the vote cast for the different offices:

BURGESS

| | 1st W | 2nd W | 3rd W | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kelley | 170 | 237 | 50 | 497 |
| Derickson | 113 | 226 | 72 | 411 |

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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|---|---|---|---|
| Watkins | 188 | 283 | 65—536 |
| Shuster | 116 | 190 | 58—364 |

TAX COLLECTOR

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| Reed | 232 | 346 | 102—680 |
| Bumer | 62 | 67 | 16—145 |
| Stewart | 21 | 66 | 5— 92 |

COUNCIL

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|---|---|
| Cushing | 204 |
| Hileman | 369 |
| Kirsh | 61 |

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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|---|---|
| Weston | 236 |
| Wagner | 270 |
| Jamieson | 273 |
| Nale | 226 |
| McGowan | 39 |
| Beck | 79 |

First ward—Judge of Election, T. C. Nevins; Inspector John Reaney; Constable—Frank Watts.

### School Directors Meeting

The annual convention of the Westmoreland School Directors' Association came to a close at the High School Auditorium Friday afternoon and by all the directors was voted to have been the best meeting ever held in the county. Great praise is due to the efforts put forth by the President E. H. Bair in getting a good program for the directors. At each session interesting talkers were heard and some very good instruction was given the men who hold the weal of the schools of the county in their hands.

### Announcement

EDITOR DAILY INDEPENDENT.

I wish to announce through the columns of your paper my candidacy for the office of council in the First ward as an Independent candidate on the Citizen ticket and if elected will fill the office to the best of my ability and the interest of the taxpayers; soliciting the aid of the voters I am Yours Respectfully

J. D. LUCE.

### Changed Hands

The Domestic Fuel Co. which has been doing business in Monessen for the past two years, changed hands recently. The mine is located on First street hill along the old Belle Vernon road and was purchased by Haley Brothers of Donora, who will take charge. The Independent wishes them success.

### A Pleasant Surprise.

Last Monday evening the members and friends of the A. M. E. church to the number of twenty-five, tendered their pastor, Rev. S. A. Lewis, a surprise, by presenting him with a purse and provisions, and in several speeches by members and friends, assurred the pastor and family of a hearty co-operation in church work.

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## INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

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Toilet articles—we are leaders—Lights

Kirk Sells It—If it's anything you need for baby.

Mrs. Alfred Tauzer is a visitor to the city today.

Rob Holmes of Donora was in town over Sunday.

Milton Loeb spent last evening at his home in McKeesport.

Joseph Jeffries of Monessen, was on the sick list yesterday.

Knocks coughs—Whites Pine compound—Light's

Please your friends by giving them your photo made by Cowan.

Miss Maud Fellenbaum of Shaner, is visiting friends in town this week.

Extra value in hot water bottles and fountain syringes at Kirk's Drug store.

Misses Bessie and Gertrude King of McKeesport spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Corine Wernke of McKeesport, is visiting her friend, Miss Stella Brautegam this week.

Anti-chap cures rough, red, chapped hands over night, 15c at Kirk's Drug store.

Special sale on spring suits at $15 each. —Anton Fisher, the tailor, Savings & Trust building. 67 tf

Dr. Barben, Dentist—Don't neglect your teeth, a crown or filling now may save trouble later on.

J. A. Brooks, a former merchant of our town, but now of Wheeling, W. Va. was a visitor in town Saturday.

We have $650.00 to loan on first mortgage on Monessen property. Inquire of Steen & Dills, Peoples' Bank building. 72-5t

The Holly club have issued invitations for a musical and literary entertainment which will take place in Kelly's hall, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 24.

$15,000.00 to loan on first mortgages, in sums from $1,000.00 to $10,000.00. Inquire of W. W. Luce & Co., Monessen and Belle Vernon.

Ticket No. 261 drew the pillow which was raffled off by Mrs. Weber. The holder of the ticket is requested to call at Brown's jewelry store and secure the pillow.

Mrs. J. A. McGavitte of Second street was taken violently ill yesterday morning. Dr. Day was summoned, who relieved the sufferer, and at this time she is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolfe of McKeesport, are at the Foster house, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brautegam. Mr. Wolfe is cashier of the First National bank at that place.

Mrs. J. Yost and Mr. and Mrs. D. Stratton of McKeesport, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brautegam at the Foster house. Mrs. Yost is Mrs. Brautegam's mother and Mrs. Stratton, her sister.

The remains of David Pierce, who died at Lincoln, Nebraska, will arrive in Monessen Tuesday morning and will be taken to the home of his father, John S. Pierce of McMahon Borough. The funeral services will be held at the First M. E. church, corner Fourth and Schoonmaker avenue on Wednesday at 12 o'clock. Remains will be taken on the 1:25 train to Monongahela for interment.

Saturday night's attraction at the opera house "The Little Homestead" was certainly fine. The scenery was grand and everyone was an artist in his or her own line. The snow storm scene could not have been better. William Macauley as Monte Peyser, the cripple, headed the company and played his part to perfection. The company was greeted by a good house.

## BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Given by Mr. and Mrs. A. Brautegam in honor of Their Son, Anthony Brautegam

Saturday evening, Jan. 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brautegam, corner of Donner avenue and Ninth street, a birthday surprise was given in honor of the son, Anthony Brautegam, it being his 15th birthday. Twenty six of his young friends gathered in and a good time was had. Games and other amusements were indulged in. Misses Helen Myford and Margaret Travers rendered some fine selections on the piano.

The host was the recipient of many handsome presents, among which was a diamond ring from his father and brother Ralph. About 10 o'clock the young people were invited to the dining room, where they were treated to a nice lunch, such as Mrs. Brautegam is known to get up. At 11 o'clock all adjourned, wishing Anthony many more happy birthdays. Those present were:

Corine Wernke, McKeesport, Edna Seifert, Dorothy Ferren, Gertrude Allison, Mercy and Helen Myford, Nellie Boore, Mildred Herron, Regina Conway, Florence Schumm, Bertie Dunkle, Mary Keifer, Margaret Travere, Anna Miller, Anna Schade, Stella Brautegam, James Schumm, Walter Bumbaugh, Anthony Brautegam, Bernard Herron, Eugene Lohman, John Donovan, Dan Donovan, Tom Jeffries, Ralph Frye, David Madigan.

### Successful Meetings Being Held.

A revival meeting is being held at the A. M. E. church by Rev. S. A. Lewis. The meetings which have been held since the first of January, are becoming more and more interesting and the pulpit this week will be filled by the local ministers of our city—Rev. J. R. Moner, Tuesday evening, Rev. M. M. Allbeck, Wednesday evening, Rev. J. V. Wright, Friday evening. All are invited to attend these services.

### Will Give Dance.

The Volunteer Fire department of Monessen will give a dance in Kelly's hall on Saturday evening, Jan 27. All are cordially invited to come and help a good cause along. Good music will be furnished.

### Attention.

The viewers who were appointed to view a road leading from Pricedale to Monessen, will meet at Pricedale tomorrow morning, Jan. 23, at 10 o'clock. All who are interested in the project will please attend and help a good cause along.

Prescriptions — take them to Lights Drug Store.

"A Jolly American Tramp" by the author of Sol Smith Russel's successes, "A Poor Relation" and "Peaceful Valley" will be the offering at the Monessen opera house Saturday, Jan. 27. We are promised rich comedy, true pathos, artistic specialties and thrilling situations.

### Notice.

The Citizens' suggestion meeting will be held at the home of T. E. Newhouse next Wednesday evening, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p. m. By order of

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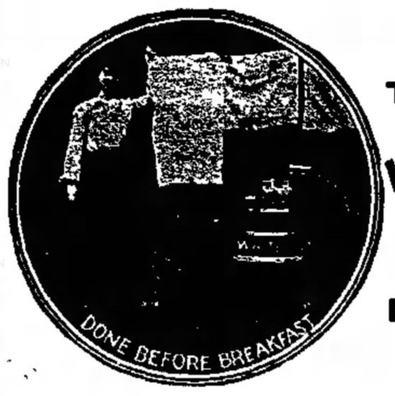


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Mrs. A. Blick and Miss Warsky were Monessen visitors yesterday.

Ed. Hostetter of Monessen, was a business visitor in town today.

William McMahan of Monongahela, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Thomas G. Finley of McKeesport, was visiting his parents in the country over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L McMahan were visitors yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamb at Monongahela.

John Weller, private secretary for W. E. Corey at Donora, was calling on friends in town Sunday. Come again, John, we are always glad to see you.

R H. Campbell, the obliging young butcher at the Federal Supply company's store at this place, will leave in a day or two for Monessen, where he has accepted a position with L Warman, butcher and grocer. We wish you success in your new field, R. H.

### A Real Show.

"The High Flyers" are holding the boards at the Monessen opera house Jan. 26 and the mangement, from all reports has booked a winner. While this is an entirely new organization, it has left all its ancestors in the shade. It is simply a case of new ideas, new faces, new management and has surpassed anything ever attempted in this line. The performance includes two one act comedies, "A Female Seminary," and "Fun in the Subway," which are new and up to date. The scenery of the Subway Station is an exact reproduction of the Twenty-third street station of the New York Subway and is a masterpiece of scenic work. There are six vaudeville acts which are all top liners in their respective branches and are not equalled by any other traveling attraction.

### Donora to get Street Railway

The West Side Street Railway company's trolley line from Donora to Black Diamond is rapidly materializing. The first corps of surveyors were in Donora recently making their funny little marks along the streets and on the curbstones. W. V. Shannon and Herman Bughman of Charleroi, who were doing the surveying stated that actual work on the new line will be commenced just as soon as is practicable.

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**The Smelt.**

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**Over the Transom.**

Two well known Portland (Me.) men, L. J. Carney and Thomas L. King, roomed together at the Preble House, in that city. One evening Mr. Carney retired before Mr. King, and the latter, on arriving rather late at the room, found the door locked, the key on the inside and his friend snoring loudly. After repeatedly pounding on the door and awakening the other guests he succeeded in arousing his roommate. Mr. Carney jumped out of bed and after climbing on to a chair managed after considerable trouble to force open the transom. Then he passed the key out to King, but sleepily said he was awfully sorry for locking him out. But King felt more than satisfied, as he roared at the ridiculous performance of his half awake roommate.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

**A Curious Fact.**

A man who had determined to kill himself went down to the river to commit suicide, and when he began to write a final message to his wife he could think of nothing to say except that some butter which he had ordered would be found at a certain grocery. His message bears out a certain fact discovered by realists—that in the supreme and soul terrifying moments of life the most ridiculous and trivial things often come uppermost in the mind.

**Two Guides to Happiness.**

Here are a couple of guides to happiness which some wise person has discovered: "For a fit of passion take a walk in the open air. You may then speak to the wind without hurting any person or proclaiming yourself to be a simpleton. For a fit of idleness count the tickings of a clock. Do this for one hour, and you will be glad to pull off your coat and go to work like a man."

**Greek's Worship of Lightning.**

The Greeks were so much afraid of lightning that they worshiped it. They endeavored to avert its malignant influence by hissing and whistling at it. In places which had suffered by it altars were erected and oblations made to avert the anger of the gods, after which no one dared to touch or approach them.

**Acting Under Orders.**

"I should like to go to your party above all things," Mrs. Lapsling was saying; "but the doctor says I must remain exclusive for a week more. I am troubled with a slight prevarication of the left lung."—Chicago Tribune.

**Posterity.**

The contemporary mind may in rare cases be taken by storm, but posterity never. The tribunal of the present is accessible to influence; that of the future is incorrupt.—Gladstone.

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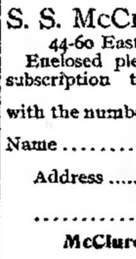

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# MUGGERTON

[Original.]

I was sitting in my editorial den preparing matter for the Sunday edition when a big muscular fellow who looked like a prize fighter came in and asked for employment. I feared that his real intention was to rob me and dallied with him.

"Any experience?" I asked.

"Lots. I worked three weeks on the D—— Bee. That's after I left college, a month ago."

At mention of college I started.

"Any creative faculty?"

"You bet! I can fling off a story any time."

"I'm thinking of running a short story every Sunday. Sit down there and let me see what you can do."

He took a seat at a vacant reporter's desk and wrote this story:

"The nineteenth century was just twenty-five years old. It was the winter season. By the wayside stood a hotel, with a barroom just off the office. The landlord was absent, and his daughter, a beautiful girl of eighteen, sat sewing behind the counter. The door opened, and a young man, a regular stalwart, walked up to the counter and registered. He wrote in a fine round hand, 'Dick Tutt, Central City, Colo.'"

I paused and looked at the author. In 1825 the Rocky mountains where Central City is located had probably never seen a white man.

"'I'm a cowboy, I am,' said Mr. Tutt, sweeping the floor with his broad brim. 'I won $700 at faro off the boys punchin' cows around "Central," and I've come east to blow it in.'

"As he spoke he drew a bead on the girl with his eagle eye and brought her down like an antelope. Taking a key off a rack, she handed it to him, and he was about to go upstairs when a party came in smoking 'long nines' and took possession of the big stove in the center of the room. Mr. Tutt paused and watched them. They soon got to kicking up a row, and the girl started for the telephone to call the police."

"You've made a slight mistake," I remarked to the author. "The telephone was invented half a century after the date of your story."

He glared and ground his teeth like a lion poked with a long stick, and I went on reading.

"Mr Tutt walked up to the lady and said:

"'If you want these galoots tumbled out I reckon I can do the job.'

"'No, sir,' replied the girl softly; 'we never allow any shooting in this house.'

"'Shootin'!' exclaimed the gentleman. 'What do I need of a gun with such muscle?' And, rolling up his sleeve, he showed a biceps that measured a good twenty inches.

"Without waiting for permission he sidled up to the man making the most noise and, straightening his crooked arm, sent the fellow sailing like an ice boat along the floor till he brought up against the baseboard. Mr. Tutt then turned and faced the rest of the gang. It happened that Kid Mahone was in the crowd, at that time training for a fight with Pat McCracken. He stepped to the front, and a ring was formed. The kid was a featherweight with fancy fist training, and the cowboy was strong as a bull buffalo. While the kid was dancing around the cowboy broke his guard, got a clutch on him and, raising him in the air, threw him into the next room.

"This ended the fight. The gang picked up the unconscious kid and ran him out, for they didn't know but the police might come in any minute.

"'How can I ever thank you enough?' remarked the young lady, going back to her sewing machine behind the counter."

Again I paused to think. My recollection was that the sewing machine did not come into use before 1850.

"At that moment the old man walked in.

"'Father,' said the girl, 'here's a guest from the wild and woolly west. A gang of rowdies came in a few minutes ago and made a disturbance. The gentleman cleaned them out.'

"'My friend,' said the landlord, 'what can I do for you? "Anything in this house is none too good for Riley," quoting a popular song.'

"'Stranger,' said the cowboy, 'you've got only one thing I want, your daughter.'

"'I'd rather part with my new Colt's pistol or my typewriting machine, but if she's willing you have my consent.'

"When they were married the cowboy wore a woolen shirt, corduroy trousers, boots and spurs. The bride wore white muslin."

Having finished the story, I looked up at the author.

"Did you take a full course in college?" I asked.

"Well, no. I was brought in for a special when the varsity team went into training for the annual football game. I left college just before the examination."

"I see. You are"—

"Muggerton."

"The tackle that laid everybody out opposed to your college last season?"

"The same."

"Why did you place the scene of your story so far back as to time?"

"Well, you see, I ain't up to what's going on, and by the looks of you I thought you might not be either, so I set it back where the mistakes would not be noticed."

"You've made a blunder on every line. How would you like to run a page of sports?"

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**Where Eggs Are Currency.**

Eggs are current coin in Mayo, Kerry, Donegal and Leitrim. They are everywhere received over the counter in payment for tea, sugar, meal, oil, bread, tobacco, patent medicines and general haberdashery. Accounts are set down and goods supplied on credit in eggs. Predatory agents traveling through the wilds with worthless teas, Gaelic tales and musicians, hawkers of tinsel jewelry and holy pictures, all accept this current coin, generally retending it at the nearest railway town.—Dublin Lady of the House.

**Consoling.**

Elderly Widower—I hope you are not depressed by the silly sentimentalists who hold that because you've married once you ought not to marry again? Pretty Widow—Don't let that worry you, dear. I've no such prejudice. My own dear mother was married three times, and I only hope that in all things I may follow her example.

**Be Prepared.**

A new civilization is holding up new and better prizes, but he who would win must have a better equipment and a finer training than the past required. If the prizes are greater than ever before the preparation also must be greater. He only who is prepared for his chance can hope to succeed.—Success Magazine.

**Cause and Effect.**

Mrs. Dobson—Bridget told me she saw Mr. and Mrs. Hobson going to church this morning. I wonder what's the matter? Mr. Dobson—Why, either Mr. Hobson has had another attack of heart trouble or Mrs. Hobson has a new hat.

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"It took you an awfully long time to pull that fellow's tooth," said the assistant.

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**Queer Weddings.**

"It is hard to look over my record of marriage services without continuous merriment," wrote the Rev. John Henry Barrows, president of Oberlin college. In a memoir of her father's life Miss Barrows gives some of his experiences in his own words.

"I recall the marriage where the awkward father of the bride, who was himself nearly seven feet tall, tried to kneel when his daughter knelt and who required help after the benediction to bring him to his feet again.

"I remember the loving groom who had come to my house to be wed and who, after the ceremony, tenderly remarked:

"'Jennie has no friends here, doctor. I should be so glad if you would kiss her.'

"I think of the young man in church who walked with five other young men up one aisle, while the bride and five other young ladies walked up the other aisle, the two forming a straight military line before the altar, and who, when I whisperingly asked him his first name, replied in loud tones 'I do,' and who at the close of the service took out a ten dollar bill and presented it in the presence of the entire congregation.

"I think of the couple whom I called by wrong names, saying, 'Do you, George?' 'Do you, Martha?' when I was really addressing John and Jane. In hurriedly glancing over the license I had read the names of the bride's father and mother instead of those of the bride and groom."

**A Story of Edwin Forrest.**

Edwin Forrest, the great actor, was at Columbus, O., on one of his tours. It was in the railroad station at midnight. It was cold, bleak, biting weather, and the old fellow hobbled up and down the platform, but there was majesty even in his very hobble. An undertaker's wagon pulled up at the station and a corpse was removed from it. The baggageman carelessly hustled the body into his dray and wheeled it down the platform. As he halted, old Forrest broke out into the most horrible cursing, and with his tongue lashed the baggageman for his careless handling of the human clay. Then he turned, approached the corpse and broke into the oration of Mark Antony over the body of Caesar. No one was there but the frightened baggageman and a handful of actors. The great actor's voice rose and fell and the subtle tears and resolute thunder of the oration awoke the echoes of the station as a grand organ in a majestic cathedral. He read every line of the oration and said in an aside speech as a climax: "There, take that, you poor clay in the coffin I'll be dead myself inside a year." And he was.


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"Take down that notice!"

The voice which spoke the command was indignant and imperative, but Pete Long paid not the slightest attention to it and coolly went on with his work. When he had driven in the last nail which held the notice paper firmly to the board he had affixed to an upright post he topped his four foot monument with another stone, picked up his rifle and stepped forward a few paces.

"I'll do no such a darned thing!" he said.

"But you will, though!"

"I'll not! I've relocated this claim."

"You can't relocate it. It belongs to Bert Leonard."

"You don't say!" And he looked down contemptuously at the small figure in jumper and overalls standing in front of the tunnel.

She put up a little grimy hand and pushed back the sombrero from her damp forehead, where her yellow curls clung in wet rings. It had been so hot working in the tunnel.

"You take down that notice right away, this minute!" she ordered, her fearless blue eyes looking straight into the man's. "This claim is Leonard's, I tell you!"

"It ain't. It's lapsed."

"It has not!"

"It has, though. He ain't done his assessment work."

"His assessment work is done."

"That's too thin, with him down in the hospital all smashed up and a broken leg and not a bean to pay a man to do it. Give us a rest."

"I tell you it's done. I—I did it."

"You!" with a sneer, then in a slow, insulting drawl, "I always did hear you was crazy after Bert Leonard."

The blood rushed to Lee Burrell's face, mounting even to the roots of her hair, but her direct gaze never faltered, and she lifted her head a little more proudly as she said:

"I do like Bert Leonard. We're to be married as soon as he gets well and

"I'LL END THIS THING ONE WAY OR ANOTHER PRETTY QUICK."

works the claim up and sells it, and that'll be easy enough, for it's rich."

The wolfish gleam in the man's eyes showed her the madness of her unguarded words, and her glance swerved to her rifle, which was leaning against a rock a few feet from her.

"Don't you budge a step," said Pete. "That gun's all right."

He dropped on one knee and, raising his rifle to his shoulder, pointed it in assumed playfulness at her. "So the claim's rich?" he asked.

"And what business is that of yours?"

"Lots of business. Ain't it mine? Haven't I relocated it? See here, Miss Lee Burrell, none of your funny business. Give me the straight tip. The claim's rich, you say. Had some of the rock assayed?" And he played meaningly with the hammer of his rifle.

She nodded her head, then burst out desperately: "And what if it is? It's not yours."

"You needn't try to hide nothin'. You bet I know the claim's rich. And if it ain't mine now I'll make it mine. Nobody knows you done this assessment."

Her telltale face told him what she would have given much to hide. It was true no one knew what she had been doing for the past few weeks. Her old father, accustomed to let her come and go unquestioned, had supposed her out on the range seeing to the cattle. And the doctor wouldn't allow her to talk business to Bert when she went to see him on Sundays.

"And what if they don't?" she asked.

"Waal, supposin' you was to be found at the foot of the gulch stone dead, without a bullet hole or nothin'"— He paused, and she glanced back where from the narrow ledge on which she stood the rocky mountain side descended many hundreds of feet in a perpendicular line.

"Waal, when they found yer they'd say sure 'twas an accident, and, seein' I'd relocated the claim and was workin' on it, who'd dispute my title?"

"You miserable coward! Now I know who it was tried to murder Bert Leonard when he was on his way up to work his claim. It was no accident. The supports of the little wooden bridge over Pine creek were almost cut away, and when he rode on to it, of course, it went down with him and his horse."

"Waal, if it was me, who's goin' to prove it? And if I bungled that job I ain't a-goin' to queer this, don't you forget it. Now no more foolin'. See that rock over yonder on the trail? You go along till you reach it, then climb up and stand right on top of it."

Lee obeyed perforce, and as she slowly traversed the four hundred or so feet her mind was busy, but she could devise no way of escape. Above were the precipitous rocks, below the precipice, before the narrow rail, and behind was Pete Long ready to shoot if she attempted to run.

The rock indicated by Long jutted up from the very edge of the ledge, almost overhanging the abyss. The girl carefully climbed its rough sides and, reaching the apex, where there was just room for her feet, stood upright. A glance backward made her feel faint, and she turned toward the man.

"Don't be skeered!" he yelled. "I ain't a-goin' to hit yer."

He took deliberate aim, and the bullet cut the air within an inch of her overalls. The next passed between her ankles, a third whizzed just above her sombrero, and a fourth almost grazed her right hand. But Lee nerved herself, clinched her small teeth and stood as firm as the rock beneath her.

"Stands as stiddy as one of them statyers in the park down to Frisco," Long muttered. "Waal, I'll try somethin' else."

And, hoping thus to break her nerve, he took steady aim at her heart, and when she held her breath, expecting the end, he laid down the rifle, then picked it up again and pointed it directly at her face, then at her neck. Finally he fired again, the bullet grazing her jumper, but leaving no mark, a second striking and splintering the rock at her feet.

Still she stood firm, but she knew she could not hold out much longer, and death seemed almost welcome. Then, as Long again played with his weapon, aiming at one vital spot and then at another, a faint, awful hope crept into her consciousness.

When, startled by the sound of Long's hammering, Lee had run from the tunnel to learn the cause, she had just put in her last blast and had lighted the fuse, a very long one, for she could never quite overcome her fear of the blasting. In her haste, as she now remembered, she had left all the explosives in the tunnel over which Long was standing, and—and the long fuse must be nearly burned out.

"I'll end this thing one way or another pretty quick," muttered Long as he fired again. "I'm gettin' tired of this."

As the bullet whizzed past her it seemed to Lee that the earth heaved beneath the man's feet, and, following a blind instinct of self preservation, she slid from the rock and fell face downward on the ledge. Then an awful reverberation echoed through the canyon. Rocks flew above and around her, a fragment of one striking her as she lay half stunned, making a scalp wound which caused the blood to trickle down her face.

When a few moments later she dared to raise her head she saw something lying on the trail which told her that she was alone on the mountain, and, clasping her temples with both hands to guard her eyes from other sights, like a hunted deer she sped down the trail.

### Lee's Answer.

Early in the war between the states, before General Lee had demonstrated his pre-eminence as the southern leader, he was severely criticised on more than one occasion by a certain General Whiting. Whiting had stood at the head of his class at West Point and was considered not only by himself, but by others, as a very bright and capable man. One day President Davis, wishing an officer for some highly important command, called upon General Lee for advice.

"What do you think of Whiting?" asked Davis.

Lee answered without hesitation, commending Whiting as one of the ablest men in the army, well qualified in every way for even the most responsible position. One of the officers present was greatly surprised and at the first opportunity drew Lee aside.

"Don't you know what unkind things Whiting has been saying about you?" he inquired.

Lee's answer was of the best.

"I understood," he said, "that the president desired to know my opinion of Whiting, not Whiting's opinion of me."

### These Were Called Great.

Abbas I. of Persia was designated the Great. The same title has been borne by many sovereigns, among them Alexander of Macedon, Alfred of England, Alfonso III. of Asturias, Boleslaus I. of Poland, Canute of England, Casimer III. of Poland, Charlemagne, Constantine I., emperor of Rome; Ferdinand I. of Castile, Frederick II. of Prussia, Frederick William, the great elector; Gregory I., pope of Rome; Henri IV. of France, Herod I., king of the Jews; Herod Agrippa I., the tetrarch; Hiao Wen Tee of China, because of the fact that under his patronage agriculture was practiced to a greater extent in China than ever before; John III. of Portugal, Justinian I., emperor of the east; Khusro of Persia, Leo I., Louis XIV. of France, Ludwig of Hungary, Mohammed II. of Turkey, Napoleon I. of France, Nicholas I., pope of Rome; Otto I. of Germany, Pedro III. of Aragon, Peter I. of Russia, Sapor II. of Persia, Sigismund I of Poland, Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths; Theodosius I., emperor of Rome; Waldemar I. of Denmark. Catherine of Russia.

## A Case of American Push

[Original.]

"It's no use, Pete; father is immovable. He wants me to marry some distinguished personage. He has always been sensitive about our family name and would like me to change it for a better one."

"Brown is better than Skrable."

"He doesn't think so. Mrs. Peter Brown would be but little improvement on Miss Alice Skrable."

The lover went away sorrowful.

One day Brown's eye fell on a paragraph in a newspaper that set him thinking. He thought all day and most of the night. When he awoke in the morning his thoughts went right on like an automobile in which the stopping apparatus has become unmanageable. He thought a whole week, at the end of which he brought his fist down on a table and exclaimed:

"I'll do it!"

From that time Brown's law partner noticed that he was paying very little attention to business. He seemed to be spending all his time searching for something. It was not a legal matter, for no legally drawn papers appeared to be passing through his hands. He received a great many letters, but never spoke of the contents of any one of them. Indeed, whatever was his purpose he kept it a profound secret.

Then suddenly Brown announced that he was going abroad. His partner, astonished and dissatisfied, threatened to dissolve the firm, complaining that Brown would leave him to do all the work—it was not onerous—and was keeping important matters from him. Brown told him just enough to satisfy him, then suddenly disappeared.

Six months passed. The Skrable family, Alice excepted, had forgotten Mr. Brown and were greatly pleased to have an opportunity to forget him. His intimate friends wondered where he was and how he obtained the means to spend so much time away from home. Some one said that an uncle, his mother's brother, was furnishing him with money. This was true. The uncle supplied him with barely enough for his purpose. Brown's partner sat in his office waiting for clients who did not come and wished for Brown, who was a pushing fellow and had many ingenious methods of securing business. "Have you heard from Brown?" everybody asked of everybody, and everybody replied: "No. Have you?" "No. I wonder where he is and what he's up to." "Oh, he's got some wild scheme on hand. But, no matter how wild Brown's schemes, he has a way of carrying them out. He's probably getting a contract for replacing the street cars in some foreign city with American flying machines. But he'll do it. You bet, he'll work it through."

There was a good deal of such talk, and the uncle who was "grub staking" Brown looked very knowing whenever approached on the subject, but said nothing. All this increased the curiosity of Brown's friends and acquaintances.

One day a steamer arrived, and in the passenger list published was the name of Sir Peter Brown. The name, in the minds of Brown's friends, had no connection with him whatever. Some of them saw it, but went on with their daily avocations just the same. It occasioned not the slightest ruffle among them, but the next morning a paragraph in a newspaper let out the secret of Brown's absence, and none of his friends did anything during the day except visit one another and gossip with mouth and eyes wide open upon this exploit. This was the paragraph referred to:

Our fellow citizen, Peter Brown, has just returned from a trip to England, where he has established his right to the baronetcy granted in 1662 to Hugh Brown, after the restoration of Charles II., for loyalty to the house of Stuart, dormant since 1783.

These few lines were quite enough to stir every one who had ever heard of Peter Brown. For a week nothing else was talked of, and every one wondered that Brown had never been heard to claim any relationship whatever with any baronet. Meanwhile invitations were showered upon Sir Peter, and cards came from the Skrable family for a musicale. Sir Peter accepted, and during the evening he and the smiling Alice vanished into a corner by themselves.

"Come, tell me all about it," she asked. "How did you ever do it?"

"One morning I read a paragraph in a newspaper stating that as the law of England now stands any man can assume with impunity some presumably extinct or dormant baronetcy prior to 1783. A recent work, called 'Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies,' says that a thousand of these titles have lapsed between the original creation and the present day. Of these the majority became extinct or dormant before 1783. Armed with as much information about my family as I could collect, I went to England to find a dormant Brown baronetcy. I lighted on the one granted Hugh Brown. I proved that my ancestors came from the same county and before I got through made the discovery that I am really Sir Peter Brown."

Alice Skrable clapped her hands, then threw her arms around her lover's neck.

In a few days the engagement of Sir Peter Brown and Alice Skrable was announced, and they were married in due time. Lady Brown was furnished with money by her father to buy the original Brown property, and the present Sir Peter Brown and his family live in England.

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